

SKILLS EXAMINATION

EQUIPMENT

The motorcycle you use for your Class M road examination should be safe and in good working order. Your examination will be canceled if the examiner believes your motorcycle is unsafe. Additionally, you must show the examiner your motorcycle's registration document and a valid inspection sticker.

Motorcycles registered in Massachusetts must undergo an annual safety inspection and receive a passing inspection certificate.

If your motorcycle is registered out of state, you will have to show the examiner proof of insurance coverage equal to Massachusetts' minimum limits, which are \$20,000/\$40,000 for bodily injury and \$5,000 for property damage.

As a motorcycle operator, you must also wear a **US DOT** standard helmet. State law requires your helmet to comply with the US DOT's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218. Helmets meeting this standard will be labeled with stickers on the interior and exterior of the helmet.

When operating a motorcycle, operators must wear eyeglasses, goggles, or a protective face shield, unless the motorcycle has a windshield or screen.

EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

You should arrive at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to your scheduled road examination appointment. You will not be able to take your examination if you arrive late.

Before your road examination begins, the RMV examiner will inspect your motorcycle to ensure that it is registered, properly insured, inspected and that all equipment is in good working order.

At a pre-road examination, the RMV examiner will assess your knowledge of motorcycle equipment and controls. For the road examination, the RMV examiner will observe your ability to operate a motorcycle. Your road examination will consist of some or all of the following riding skills:

- “Figure-Eights” and “360° Circles” in both directions without your feet touching the roadway.
- Normal starts and stops.
- Driving in traffic.
- Crossing intersections.
- Making turns.
- Riding up and down hills.

If you fail two (2) motorcycle road examinations for a Class M license, you must enroll in and successfully complete a beginner riding course approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles prior to scheduling another road examination.

COMMON REASONS FOR FAILING A ROAD EXAMINATION

- You were at fault in an accident with another motor vehicle, pedestrian, or object.
- You were driving in a way that may have caused an accident or in a way the RMV examiner considered dangerous.
- You violated a motor vehicle law, rule or regulation.
- You demonstrated a lack of experience safely operating a motorcycle.
- You refused to follow the RMV examiner’s instructions.
- You drove contrary to the RMV examiner’s instructions.